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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2008, consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants petition for a three-month extension in the period for response; the required fee is attached. If any other fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 3687-105.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 1, 9, 11-15, 19-20 and 24 are amended.

Claims 7, 11, 21-22 and 25-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 28-33 are added.

Remarks begin on page 6.